

Week 1 handout for home group members

Introduction: leader to explain this session. [3 minutes]

Unhurried prayer together [2 minutes]

Aim of course: To learn to speak about our faith with anyone, in a *relaxed, natural, helpful* way, so they may discover and respond to God’s love for them [1 min]

Bible base: Colossians 4: 2-6 Share together what key things impact them from the passage. [10 minutes]

What holds us back from sharing our faith with others? Discuss in pairs and then share in the wider group. Be open and honesty. *[Leader note the issues raised for future discussion.]* [15 minutes]

Colossians 4: 2-6: Read and note the key points on prayer raised by Paul.

Discuss these points together as a group, noting those that resonate particularly with you, and those that are fresh insights and / or difficult to put into practice. [15 minutes]

Help is at hand: Read through the points below, and briefly discuss together.

Honesty:

Explore issues:

Learn:

Pray: [5 minutes]

Take a P.S.P. card: Prayerfully decide in the coming week whom you can be praying for on a regular basis, and importantly to begin praying for the two or three people you have identified.

**[Please note: the names should be kept confidential and not shared, even in the group.]**

[2 minutes]

End this session with prayer together:

Begin by praying the following prayer as a group:

‘Christ, who was crucified, and now is risen, may we find in You a sure ground for our faith,

a firm support for our hopes, the knowledge of sins forgiven, a compassion for those who don’t know You and the assurance that life is eternal. Amen.’

and pray in pairs or as a group – however your leader directs. [10 – 15 minutes]

Key Principle: ‘Be yourself, with God, for others’